

THIS WEEK  
CAMPUS

Black History Month

Norman Shands, a retired Southern Baptist Minister will speak on campus this afternoon as Intercultural Affairs Black History Month celebration.

Shands worked with Martin Luther King Jr. and many other civil rights leaders in Ga., to desegregate public schools. Shands also signed the historic manifesto, and was involved in Organizations Assisting Schools in September, one of the many civil rights initiatives that led to black students attending an all-white high school.

Shands will speak at 4 p.m. in the J.W. Jones student Union Living Room. The event is open to all students and community members.

Colden Pond Plunge

Up 'Til Dawn sponsored by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is holding the Colden Pond Plunge at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27.

During the next week tables will be set up outside of the J.W. Jones Student Union food court. Money donated can be donated for people to jump in the pond. The top contestants with the most money raised will take the "plunge."

Those who are on the list for the plunge include: Abby Freeman, Aimee Rea, Anthony Mittan, Beth Eppinger, Brad Whitsell, Bradley Gardner, Brooke Beason, Casey Fraites, Deb Toomey, Erin Holm, Fallon Cordell, Joe Masciovecchio, Julie Ray, Kristen Koll, Meredith Manning, Nathan Manville, Sarah Smith, Tommy Frevert, Andrew Abbott, Ben Rex, Allison Strong, Caitlin Mott, Brandon Clark, Melissa Gigot.

COMMUNITY

Password Pink

KNIM/97.1 The 'Vill, will host Password Pink: A Ladies Night Out at 6:30 p.m. tonight in the Maryville High School Commons Area.

Guests can shop at more than 30 booths and register to win a \$1,000 makeover from participating sponsors.

It will also feature a presentation from Northwest professor of Psychology, Dr. Alesha Francis.

Digital transition

A federal mandate requiring all television stations to switch off their analog signals in favor of strictly digital signals has been pushed back.

Congress moved the deadline from Feb. 17 to June 12 earlier this month.

BEARCATS

**Friday-**  
-Softball @ Central Oklahoma Trny vs. East Central (Okla.) 11 a.m.

**Saturday-**  
-Softball @ Central Oklahoma Trny vs. Central Oklahoma 11 a.m.  
- Women's Bball @ Missouri Western 5:30 p.m.  
- Men's Bball @ Missouri Western 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday-**  
-Baseball vs. Indianapolis @ Russellville, Ark. 1 p.m.

**Monday-**  
- Baseball @ Arkansas Tech 2 p.m.

**Wednesday-**  
- Women's Bball vs. Truman 5:30 p.m.  
- Men's Bball vs. Truman 7:30 p.m.

SPOOFHOUNDS

**Thursday-**  
-FJV/V Girls' Bball @ Benton

**Friday-**  
-District Wrestling Trny @ Mid Buchanan  
-FJV/V Boys' Bball vs Benton

**Saturday-**  
-District Wrestling Trny @ Mid Buchanan

**Tuesday-**  
- Girls' Bball vs. Nebraska City

SIGN LANUGAGE

Students embrace deaf culture

By Tiffany Hunter  
Missourian Reporter

Children make a small "w" with their fingers and pump them into the air excitedly, waiting for their day to begin.

The children were waiting impatiently for American Sign Language teacher Marcy Roush, to begin their lessons. Shortly afterward, the kids divide into groups and attend one of seven stations where they will begin to learn sign language.

The purpose of the Children Workshop is to educate children in sign language.

"This is the fourth year for the workshop and we want kids to learn about the deaf community," said Roush.

At the first station, seven-year-old Lindsey Allee, along with four other girls, learns the signs for colors like blue, green, and white. The girls made the sign for the letter "P" and then applied it to their lips, just like applying lipstick for their favorite color

pink. After the girls learned the signs for colors, they color pictures of clowns and talk quietly amongst themselves.

The lights flicker on and off, which means it is time to move to the next workstation. Children rush and scramble around, a little confused, but eager to learn new signs for different words. At the next station, seven-year-old Earl Jackson and seven-year-old Brady Farnan learn to sign the alphabet and their names.

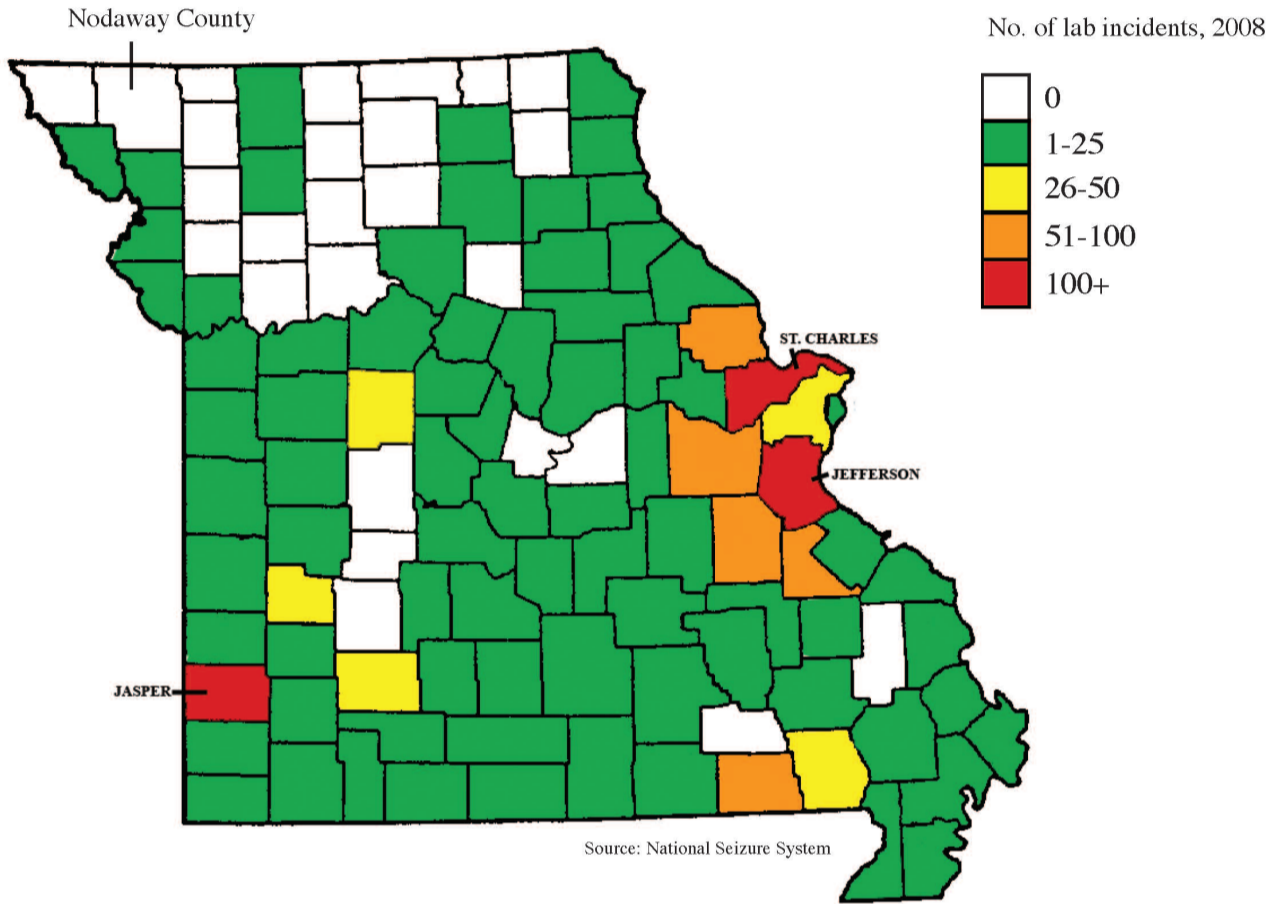
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BRADY FARNAN, 6, shows the sign for laugh which is being demonstrated to him by Kevin Postlethwait or as the kids know him "Mr. P." Farnan and other children learned signs for emotions, the ABCs, popular songs and many other things during a workshop put on by Northwest's American Sign Language Club.

METH | ANALYZING LOCAL DRUG USE



THE SHOW-ME(TH) STATE

Local leaders discuss the nature of Missouri's drug lab problem

By Kenny Larabee  
Community News Editor

Like a violent Midwest storm, methamphetamine has left a destructive wake in its path.

Families have been torn apart, young teens' futures jeopardized and lives ruined.

It's been a long storm. And perhaps no state has been hit harder than Missouri.

With 1,487 methamphetamine laboratory incidents in 2008, Missouri leads the nation in the seizure of meth labs, according to data from the National Seizure System released earlier this month. And Missouri has led the way since 2001.

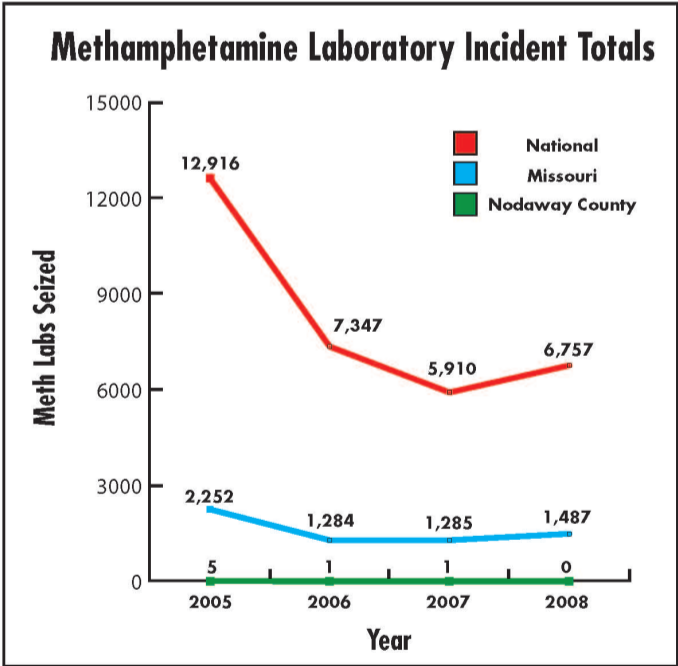
But of those 1,487 labs seized, none were reported from Nodaway County. In 2007, the county reported just

one such incident. In 2006, again, just one lab seizure.

So is Nodaway County the exception in a state chock full of meth problems? Nodaway County Sheriff Darren White said he wasn't so sure.

"I've said all along 'We have a huge drug problem in this county.' And I stand behind that. We have a huge drug problem," White said. "The only way we're going to accomplish any success is by going out and attacking that problem."

Just barely a month into the job, the new sheriff said he and his department worked with Maryville Public Safety, the Missouri State Patrol and the police departments from Savannah and Tarkio to crack down on one meth lab already this year.



Oren G. Trimble, 37, Ravenwood, was arrested on Feb. 4 and charged with attempt to manufacture methamphetamine by the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department. The charge, filed by Nodaway

County Prosecuting Attorney David Baird, says that Trimble tried to use pills to make a substance usable in the process of making methamphetamines.

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NEW BUSINESS

Taco Bell will bring restaurant to Maryville

By Kenny Larabee  
Community News Editor

Another major franchise is coming to Maryville, and residents could soon be thinking outside the bun.

This time, the franchise is Taco Bell.

Taco Bell Corp. spokesman Rob Poetsch confirmed Tuesday afternoon that the Mexican fast food chain plans to open a location in Maryville sometime in 2010.

The process is in the early stages of planning and so an exact timeline for construction and opening could not be determined, but Poetsch said activity would definitely be underway in 2010. A location also couldn't be confirmed as of press time.

Paul Hoover was identified by Poetsch as the franchise owner for the Maryville location. Hoover could not be reached for comment before press time.

No one affiliated with Taco Bell has yet to apply for a building permit with the city, Maryville Public Works Director Greg Decker said. But as long as a business conforms to all building codes and zoning regulations, the city would have no issue with a Taco Bell locating in the city, Decker said.

If, for instance, a Taco Bell were to locate in a pre-existing location of a fast-food restaurant, that would be a zone the city would allow, Decker said.

Irvine, Calif.-based Taco Bell is a subsidiary of Yum! Brands, Inc.

Founded in 1962, the company has more than 5,800 locations nationwide, according to the company's official website at Tacobell.com.

Check back with the Northwest Missourian at nwmissourinews.com as more details arise.

LOCAL BUSINESS

CRACKING A JOKE as he works, barber Fred Robertson, 58, cuts the hair of his nephew Ryan Cordell, 24. Cordell has been getting his haircut from his uncle his entire life and drove from Parnell, Mo., to get it cut.



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senior photographer

Local barbers share decades of experience

By Evan Young  
Editor in Chief

Throughout their careers, Maryville barbers Fred Robertson and Bryan Lemons have acquired a tool of the trade that can outlast even the most durable pair of clippers or trimmers: patience.

In their more than 70 years of combined experience, Fred and Bryan, who run Downing's Barbershop at 410 N. Market St., have dealt with picky customers, fixed other barbers' mistakes and pulled through those dark years when long hair was popular. All the while, they say they've gained

a unique perspective on human nature.

Fred, 58, grew up in Bethany, Mo., where his fascination with barbering began. It was, he said, the way people changed after getting a haircut – physically and mentally – that inspired his career choice.

"It definitely makes a difference in their attitude," Fred said.

In 1969, the 18 year-old went to work with two other men at an established barbershop in Bethany, the start of what's become a 40-year career.

"I rode the bus back from (Moler Barber College in Kansas City) – suitcase in one hand,

barber case in the other – and they put me to work the day I got back," he said.

He even remembers his first customer: a young veterinarian "who just wanted a nice 'businessman's haircut.'"

After 16 years, Fred moved to St. Joseph, Mo. and opened his own barbershop. However, he had to sell the award-winning business in 2007 after a heart attack two years before prompted him to slow down his lifestyle.

He moved his family (and his blue barber's chair)

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

SENIOR GUARD  
JOHN Farmer  
brings the ball up  
the court against  
Smithville Friday  
for the 'Hounds.  
Maryville won its  
homecoming game  
59-49.



photo by dustin sander  
community sports editor

Gigantic third quarter overcomes slow first

By Dustin Sander  
Community Sports Editor

The Maryville boys' basketball team pulled out a big win on homecoming night against Smithville. The Spoofhounds took down Midland Empire Conference foe Smithville 59-49 with the help of a near perfect third quarter. Smithville jumped out to an early lead over the 'Hounds and ended the first quarter 9-13. The 'Hounds went into halftime trailing 29-24. When the 'Hounds came back out to the gym floor after the break they had an extra spark. The 'Hounds dominated the boards and nearly stopped all of Smithville's offense. "The thing I'm most proud of is that our players came out and executed the game plan perfectly in the third quarter and did exactly as we drew up on the chalkboard," Kuwitsky said. "Then did exactly what we wanted; got the lead, then

we extended it, we executed on offense and made the adjustments on defense. That was really encouraging that our team had such a good third quarter." The 'Hounds went from trailing by four to leading 45-33 in the third quarter. "We went in the locker room at half time and made several adjustments," Kuwitsky said. "Not big ones but just three or four things that we had to do to stop them, get a few stops on defense and then score some baskets and get the lead back and then extended on the lead. Now that sounds real simple, it was just three or four things we said we had to do." With a 12-point lead to begin the fourth quarter, the 'Hounds were tripped up by Smithville's pressure defense. "Against pressure, it still bothers us a little bit," Kuwitsky said. "We don't work on it a lot because it's really hard to emulate in practice

with J.V. We do struggle a little bit and we've got to work on it more ... we did not give up and the lead and we executed when we had to." During the game, Maryville lacked a lot of size in the paint to Smithville creating a challenge for the 'Hounds on the boards. "I thought that was big," Kuwitsky said. "Especially the offensive boards when we were missing some shots and then I thought we got some big offense boards, Keenan (Joiner) lead us in that category and I thought that was huge. We worked on it quite a bit and they had some big players on their end and the one kid had a lot of points but we did a pretty good job on him." The team did really well helping box out and controlling the big man and the 'Hounds worked on this a lot in practice during the week, Joiner said. The 'Hounds will play Benton at 7 p.m. Friday at home.

GIRLS: 2-1 in MEC, head to Benton today

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We set a goal defensively in how many points we wanted to not give up and I think they had that in mind when they came out and played great defense in the quarter. That's the best we've played all season." During the third quarter, the 'Hounds came out with a renewed energy and held the Hornets to only four points. Maryville scored 20 points and junior Emily Kisker scored 10 of her team-high 16 points in the period. The Spoofhounds only had 14 points to give up in the fourth quarter and

allowed just 10 to meet their goal of only allowing 39 points in the game. They allowed just 35 points and saw 10 girls score in the contest. The victory improves Maryville to 11-5 overall and 2-1 in the conference after a 61-47 loss at Smithville on Feb. 5. The 'Hounds head to St. Joseph tonight to take on Benton at 7 p.m. "Benton is a really good team," Hageman said. "They won the conference or been in the top two the last few years, but I think if we go down there and play like we did tonight with the same intensity, I think we'll be alright."

WRESTLING

'Hounds take second at Albany, head to districts with high hopes

By Ian Myers  
Missourian Reporter

The Maryville wrestling team marches into districts this weekend seeking a change of events following last week's second place finish in tournament play at Albany. With 10 teams at the beginning of the tournament vying for a first place finish, the Hounds' second place finish was fairly impressive feat, but small mistakes plagued the team, keeping it from bringing home first place rights. "It was a little disappointing," coach Joe Drake said. "There were just a couple of individual matches we felt we could win and didn't." Drake said. The tournament itself was

played in a dual meet format, meaning that the 10 teams on hand were split up into two separate pools. The winners of pool A dueled against the winners of pool B, which is where Maryville's downfall occurred. Gallatin managed to out match the 'Hounds, sending the team back to Maryville with a second place finish in hand heading into district duals. Even though a first place finish did manage to elude the squad, there were several bright spots to build upon. Three different Spoofhound wrestlers managed to finish the tournament with perfect records. Junior Bryce Alexander, senior Derek Dean and Junior Dannen Merrill all managed to go five for five in their performances in

Maryville's second place finish. Merrill himself earned a pocketful of honors to go along with the impressive performance over the weekend. Merrill managed to record the most pins in the tournament in the least amount of time. By adding five more victories to his resume, he also eclipsed the 100-win mark for his career. Coming up this weekend, district competition begins as several 'Hounds pack up for the short ride to Faucett to kick off duals at Mid-Buchanan. "We've had six wrestlers that have pretty much carried the team so far this season. The other seven we're hoping will catch a break somewhere or get lucky. We're going to need a little luck on our side," Drake said.

After a 14-4 finish to the team's season, the focus will now be on the individuals as each competing wrestler is seeded in his own respected weight class. The seeds will be determined based on how well individuals competed against others in the district, as well as how they fared against others in their weight class from outside the MEC. "We've had a good season up to this point," Drake said. "Now it's important that the individuals do well." The district wrestling tournament starts at 5 p.m. Friday in Faucett at Mid Buchanan High School. The tournament resumes on Saturday but the start time was not available as of press time.

# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

## Tyler Shaw

Tyler Shaw broke the school 60 meter hurdles record on his way to a first place finish at the Central Missouri Relays last weekend. He eclipsed the old school record of 8.15, set in 2002 by Joel Terry, by recording an 8.09 in the finals. The 8.09 was five-hundredths of a second away from automatically qualifying for nationals.

## Hannah Henry

Hannah Henry became the first Bearcat to run below a nine second 60 meter hurdles. She ran the 60m in 8.96 seconds, while placing second at the Central Missouri Relays last weekend. Henry's feat was the fifth time this season a member of the Northwest women's track team has broken a school record.

## Dannen Merrill

Dannen Merrill earned a first place finish at the Albany Tournament last weekend. He also recorded the most pins in the fewest amount of time. by going 5-0 in the tournament, he also achieve the milestone of 100 career wins. Next up for Merrill is the district tournament this weekend where he will find out if he will make the trip to state.

## Emily Kisker

Emily Kisker led the team with 16 points in their 71-35 victory over Chillicothe. She scored 10 points in the vital third quarter and hit one of the teams seven three-pointers in helping the Spoofhounds break out of their shooting slump. She'll have to keep scoring to help Maryville succeed in conference play and out of another slump.

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NW WOMEN

A quest for the tournament

By Brian Bosiljevac  
University Sports Editor

Only eight of 11 teams will make the MIAA tournament. The Northwest women's basketball team's remaining schedule will give them an opportunity to be one of those eight teams headed to Kansas City, Mo. on Friday, March 6.

In the most recent MIAA standings, Northwest (7-15, 3-12) is ranked 10th in the conference, but they only sit a game and half behind the current eighth place team, Southwest Baptist (7-14, 4-10).

"We've talked about it as a team and we're all on the same page, we're all in the same mind frame," head coach Gene Steinnmeyer said.

The Bearcats still have the fourth and fifth ranked conference foes remaining on their schedule, Missouri Southern and Central Missouri, respectively. Although the 'Cats would love to upset Southern and Central, they don't have to.

The most important games left for the 'Cats are against the three teams who round out the bottom half of the conference. Northwest must come away with wins against Southwest Baptist, Missouri Western and Truman in order to finish the season in eighth place, one game ahead of the purple Bearcats and the Griffons.

"Those are key games for us," Steinnmeyer said. "Those are teams who are either behind us or teams we have to pass."

The 'Cats have already faced each of those teams once this year. They beat Missouri Western by four, suffered an over-time loss to Truman, and dropped the game to Baptist by three points. So, if things stay the same the second time around it should be an exciting stretch for the 'Cats as they try to scratch their way into the MIAA tournament.

Steinnmeyer described the final part of this season as a "one game play-off," win or go home.

The last time out the 'Cats gave up a 21-2 run to start out the game and ended up losing by 15 points to Pittsburg State. The Gorillas are tied for second in the MIAA.

"We got down early and we never recovered," senior Jessica Burton. "I think it was a lot of different things."

Next the 'Cats will be on the road against one of those three teams they must beat, Missouri Western (4-17, 4-11).

"It all comes down to Saturday night," Steinnmeyer said. "If we win, we're still in the hunt. If we lose it's over."

This women's basketball team could care less about roses this Valentine's day. All they want is a win, leaving them to fight another day.



SENIOR FORWARD JESSICA Burton looks to pass over a Pitt State defender. The girls could not recover from an early 26 point point deficit.

MEN'S STATISTICS		
Northwest		Pittsburg
75	Points	72
44.9	Field Goal pct.	55.6
25	Rebounds	29
11	Assists	15
26.7	Three point pct.	43.8
11	Turnovers	19
6	Steals	6
77.1	Free throw pct.	43.8
0	Blocks	1

MEN'S GAME LEADERS	
<b>Points</b>	<b>Rebounds</b>
1.) 18 - Hunter Henry	1.) 5 - Elijah Allen and
2.) 11 - DaJuan Harris	Edriss Floyd
3.) 10 - Elijah Allen and	3.) 4 - DaJuan Harris
Mike Larsen	
<b>Assists</b>	<b>Steals</b>
1.) 4 - Edriss Floyd	1.) 2 - Edriss Floyd and
2.) 3 - DaJuan Harris	Jake Peterson
3.) 2 - Mike Larsen	3.) 1 - two tied
<b>FG percentage</b>	<b>3-pt percentage</b>
1.) 100 - Jake Peterson	1.) 100 - Jake Peterson
2.) 62.5 - Hunter Henry	2.) 50.0 - Henry Hunter
3.) 50.0 - Three tied	3.) 16.7 - Edriss Floyd

WOMEN'S STATISTICS		
Northwest		Pittsburg
57	Points	72
32.2	Field Goal pct.	37.5
32	Rebounds	44
10	Assists	11
0.0	Three point pct.	42.1
16	Turnovers	17
7	Steals	11
90.5	Free throw pct.	75.9
2	Blocks	3

WOMEN'S GAME LEADERS	
<b>Points</b>	<b>Rebounds</b>
1.) 14 - Jessica Burton	1.) 5 - Melissa Nyquist
2.) 12 - Rickeya McElroy	2.) 4 - Three players
3.) 11 - Micaela Uriell	tied
<b>Assists</b>	<b>Steals</b>
1.) 3 - Melissa Nyguist	1.) 2 - Rickeya McElroy
2.) 2 - Three players	and Jessica Burton
tied	3.) 1 - Three tied

MEN: Beat Gorillas

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Peterson scored nine points in 19 minutes. He shot 3-of-3, including 2-of-2 on treys.

Aside from the clutch play of Peterson, and Henry's milestone, head coach Steve Tappmeyer felt fortunate to come away with the win.

"I think it's a deal that kind of balances it out because I felt like we outplayed them at their place," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "I felt their came in here probably a little hungrier than we were, and yet we were fortunate to get the win. Probably the biggest thing is that they didn't look to good but they found a way."

Now with a bye on Wednesday, the 'Cats have had an entire week to prepare for Missouri Western who played UNO on Wednesday night after defeating Missouri Western 90-78.

The bye week comes with five games left, and may help the 'Cats slip into the playoffs.

"Hopefully it's just at the right time, and we can get a big win and if we can get a win, and that's such a rivalry game that if you can win it, I think it's really a game that could spring you the rest of the way," Tappmeyer said.

Northwest tips off at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in M.O Looney Field House in St Joseph.

BASEBALL: Upcoming season

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but broke a bone in his hand, and will likely redshirt this year, Lowe said.

With that injury, the starting pitching rotation includes Harvel, junior Christian Dekker, sophomore Sean Brady and Disselhoff. Eric Mitchell and Danny Malone are also expected to see quality time on the mound.

In addition to manning the mound, Disselhoff will also play third base, and contribute offensively by taking over the fourth spot in the lineup that Westman vacated, Lowe said.

The MIAA pre-season coaches poll, slotted the 'Cats to finish fifth in the league after finishing 29-22 overall (18-16 MIAA) last year, but they are trying not to think about it Lowe said.

"I think the biggest part of what we're

trying to do this year is not look at what other people are doing, or what they pick us," Lowe said. "If we take care of our own stuff, it doesn't matter if we're facing the No. 1 team in the country or the last place team in the country, we'll do good things."

Lowe's attitude about the upcoming season has rubbed off on his players, even a freshman has bought into the mind set.

"I don't think anyone can beat us if we're on our game," freshman shortstop Bryan Picard said. "I think we've got the defense, and we've got the sticks to go win games. If everyone's on we'll be pretty good."

Northwest's Arkansas tour includes games at 1 p.m. Sunday against Indianapolis, 2 p.m. Monday at Arkansas Tech and noon Wednesday at Henderson State.

Sunday, Feb. 15th

Bearcat Arena

4th Annual Football

Celebration

An autograph session with the student-athletes will begin at 2:00 pm in the lobby. Highlights of the 2008 season and team awards will be presented following autographs at 3:00 pm. The event is FREE and open to all Bearcat fans!

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

# 'Cats, Griffons battle for tournament on Saturday

By Christopher Woodland  
Sports Editor

This year, Valentines Day will likely not bring very much love to those in M.O Looney Field House in St. Joseph this weekend.

The men's basketball team will not exchange flowers and candy hearts, or enjoy a romantic dinner this Saturday. Instead, they will battle bitter rival Missouri Western as both teams jockey for a spot in the MIAA tournament.

"It's just about them being a team that we've got to catch up with to have a shot at the tournament," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "You want to make sure that you have your destiny in your own hands, and not have to worry about somebody else doing it for you."

Northwest finally managed a hard-fought 75-72 victory over Pittsburg State on Saturday after three straight close losses chipped away at its quest for a postseason

spot.

Hunter Henry led the Bearcats with 18 points, which lifted him over the 1,500-point plateau for his career. He also became the second player in program history with 1,500 points and 750 rebounds.

Freshman guard Jake Peterson scored six points in the final minute to lift the 'Cats to victory.

With 59 seconds left, Edriss Floyd found Peterson open beyond the arc and converted a four-point play with after getting fouled on

the play produce the 'Cats' first lead since 15:49 remained in the first half.

"I just let the game come to me, play my role and not really worry about draining buckets," Peterson said. "We really just buckled down, and credit to Edriss on the drive for kicking it out to me on that three."

He then laid the ball in for a basket after Edriss Floyd found an open Peterson to ice the game with eight seconds left.

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JUNIOR GUARD MIKE Larsen drives past a Pittsburg State defender Saturday afternoon. The Bearcats won 75-72 and Larsen added 10 points.

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photography editor

PREVIEW | BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

# BACK TO THE BATTERS' BOX

## Baseball: looking for their sweet spot in '09

By Christopher Woodland  
Sports Editor

With spring just around the corner, it won't be long before the ping of a ball ricocheting off aluminum bats fills the air by the old freshmen dorms.

The Northwest baseball team begins its season this Sunday with a tour of Arkansas before it begins conference play Feb. 28 at Emporia State.

Graduation took a couple of the Bearcats' best players from a year ago: shortstop Ryan Bledsoe, and first baseman Britt Westman.

"We've got a lot of depth at first base," senior pitcher and third baseman Bill Disselhoff said. "Britt's a tough player to replace, but we've got guys that are capable of doing it."

The task of replacing Bledsoe won't be any easier.

He led the team with a .391 batting average, and finished second in the MIAA with 1.59 hits-per-game.

On deck to replace him is junior shortstop Matt Stice, who will also assume the role as the leadoff man in the batting order.

"(Stice) will kind of fill that void that we have at short-

stop," Lowe said. "We finally have a legitimate leadoff hitter. I'm not sure I've had a leadoff hitter in my 10 years here, but we finally got one, which is kind of nice to have for a couple years."

One key to compensating for the loss of Westman and Bledsoe will be the play and leadership of junior second baseman Nick Pfeiffer. Pfeiffer earned All-MIAA honors as a sophomore in 2008.

He hit .337 with a homerun and 23 RBIs. He also had a 13-game hit streak at one point, and scored 30 runs.

"He (Pfeiffer) is kind of our motivating guy that we need on the field every day, and he'll be stepping up," Lowe said.

The pitching rotation includes All-MIAA pitcher Bret Harvel.

Harvel went 5-3 as a starter last year in 11 starts, with a 5.79 ERA in 14 appearances. His 64 strikeouts in 65 1/3 innings ranked seventh in the conference.

The pitching staff has suffered a setback already though. Junior transfer Jeremy Tate had been written in by Lowe as a probable starter,

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JUNIOR CATCHER KREED Kurtz looks down the first base line while running through drills. The Bearcats' season begins Feb. 15 against Indianapolis in Russellville, Ark.



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photography editor

SENIOR PITCHER COLA Krueger. Krueger was an All-Regional player on the 2008 squad that won 32 games, fourth most in program history.

## Softball: youth to play key role for Bearcats

By Brian Bosiljevac  
University Sports Editor

The softball team is already off to a better start than last season and it hasn't even played a game.

Last year, due to snow and cold weather, the Northwest softball team didn't make it outside once prior to the season's start.

"We've been outside this year before our first game, that's a big improvement," senior pitcher Cola Krueger.

In addition to getting outside for practices this year, the Bearcats also added five new freshmen to their roster.

"They're definitely stepping up," Krueger said. "When they came in, in the fall, you could tell they were freshmen. But throughout the winter, they have worked really hard and they have all matured a lot. Just the same amount of stuff we expect from each other, we expect from them too."

Last season, the 'Cats finished

third in the MIAA conference and brought in 32 victories, the fourth most in program history.

"It seems like this year's team is a little more athletic," head coach Ryan Anderson. "We don't have the experience, but we have a little more athleticism. Hopefully, we can do more things."

Northwest did lose four seniors from last year's roster, including pitcher Kelly Morris and shortstop, Cortney Channell. Both Channell and Morris

were All-MIAA athletes. Morris broke the single game strike out record.

Anderson expects his seniors to be the leaders of his team, but is really counting on younger girls to step up, fill holes and perform well, he said.

This year's 'Cats were picked to finish fourth in the MIAA Preseason Coaches Poll. They return All-Regional players Casey Carper and Erin Leslie.

"It's a rough conference," Krueger said. "At the same time,

we expect to be up there with UNO and Emporia. We kind of like to be assumed as the underdog, so people won't expect it out of us when we blow them out of the water, I guess."

The 'Cats' season will begin this weekend in Edmond, Okla. in the Central Oklahoma Tournament. They will be taking on East Central (Okla.) and Central Oklahoma.

"I just want to go out there and show everyone what we can do," Krueger said.

TRACK AND FIELD

## Track team breaks fifth record of year

By Jason Lawrence  
Asst. Sports Editor

This time, it's official: Hannah Henry gets to keep the program record for the 60-meter hurdles.

Henry broke the record at the UCM Mule Relays last weekend with a time of 8.96 seconds, the first Bearcat to run the event in under nine seconds, but she thought she had broken it before.

"It's exciting, especially for me," Henry said. "There's kind of a long story behind it. Two years ago, I thought I broke it and they found another time in the record books, so long story short, I broke it again. So it's exciting. I think it's good for our program and it's encouraging we have some young people doing it too."

One of those young people Henry referred to is Tyler Shaw, who also broke the program record for the 60-meter hurdles. The freshman came within five-hundredths of a second from automatically qualifying for the NCAA Championships in only his second collegiate meet, but his 8.09 seconds is still good for fourth in the nation and second in the conference.

"He's pretty darn good," coach Scott Lorek said. "He's adjusted really well to college athletics. I expected more problems, there are still some technical things, but I think he's going to get a lot faster. I don't think he's anywhere near topping out. It's exciting to think we've got four years and he's starting off this good."

Zane Myers broke a third program record for the Bearcats this past weekend by finishing second in his second career attempt in the heptathlon with 4,408 points in Vermillion, S.D. Fellow heptathlete Jacob Dupin scored 4,330 points to finish third in his first career attempt in the event.

They fell just short of the provisional qualifying mark of 4,500 points.

"They're doing a lot of things well," Lorek said. The guys who do those multi-events, they spend a lot of time training and have to really love what they're doing. It's kind of a personality thing too. Zane and Jacob, they just love it."

Even though they didn't break any program records last week, John Miles and Ben McKim scored some points for the team and improved their provisional qualifying marks over the weekend. Miles placed fourth in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.83. He needs just six-hundredths of a second to automatically qualify for the national meet in Houston.

McKim completed two of his season goals by throwing 55 feet, five and three-quarter inches and equaling the career best of his older brother Daniel. The McKim brothers are tied for fourth on the all-time program performers list.

Next, the 'Cats head to Wayne, Neb. to compete in the Wildcat Classic. Events begin at 11 a.m. in the Wayne State Recreation Center.

"We want to come out and try and set some more program records," sophomore Mary Jantz said. "We need to keep improving individually."

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

## 'Hounds double-up Chillicothe

By Jason Lawrence  
Asst. Sports Editor

The Spoofhounds broke out of their shooting slump in a big way Tuesday night against conference foe Chillicothe. The girls scored 71 points, had 21 field goals and hit seven three-pointers in the game.

"We've had a two week stretch where we really haven't shot the ball like we think we can," coach Grant Hageman said. "Finally tonight, we came out and shot to our potential."

The offense had a hard time getting started, the first four minutes elicited only six total points on the scoreboard and enough turnovers for each team to last an entire game.

"We create a lot of turnovers," Hageman said. "But, sometimes we get in a rush and throw it right back to them and make some bad decisions. We just need to slow down and eventually we'll find an open shot, we just can't force it."

Then the defense stepped up and started forcing the pace. The offense started clicking and Maryville jumped out

to a 16-9 lead after the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Spoofhounds scored 23 points and expanded their lead to 39-21 against a Chillicothe team that was starting to get tired.

"At halftime, we talked a lot about coming out and not giving them any momentum and not let them back into the game," Hageman said. "We talked about wanting to play our best ball every quarter and improve every chance we can."

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SOPHOMORE GUARD SHANNON McClellan moves the ball upcourt against MEC rival Chillicothe. The Spoofhounds hit seven threes in the game on their way to a 71-35 route of the Hornets.

NURSING PROGRAM

New curriculum approved for nursing completion program

By Whitney Keyes  
Managing Editor

The first helpful face you see in the hospital may soon be in a desk at Northwest. The Board of Regents recently approved the curriculum for a bachelor's of science in nursing completion program for registered nurses looking to continue their education. If approved by the Coordinating Board of Higher Education, the program could start this fall, College of Arts and Sciences dean Charles McAdams said.

As a completion program, the curriculum would offer the upper-level courses that community colleges can't. The program would only accept students who already have a registered nurse license and an associate degree in nursing. There are also GPA requirements, transferred from whatever institution the RN license was acquired. McAdams stressed that any student with an associate degree from any accredited school and an RN license could enter.

"This program is for nurses who maybe want to be a supervisor or a manager, who maybe want to work at a bigger hospital or a nicer hospital, maybe go into private practice," McAdams said. Schools such as University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Mo. and Missouri Western State in St. Joseph, Mo. offer BSN programs. These programs start with lower level courses for freshmen and continue all the way through upper level courses to graduation. "Our program is really very unique," associate provost Doug Dunham said.

"There's no other program like this in north central Missouri." The program will work in accordance with North Central Missouri College in Trenton, Mo. and Northwest Technical School in Maryville. Classes would be taught on the Northwest campus, the NCMC campus and Northwest Technical School campus. Regardless of campus, all graduating students would receive a degree from Northwest. Classes would be a variety of face-to-face classes, online and TV classes. Northwest will not hire any new full-time faculty, McAdams said. Instead, the University will hire teachers from the technical school as ad-junct faculty.

Graduation will require 52-53 credit hours, according to the proposal submitted to the CBHE. The proposal also makes enrollment predictions. For the first year, Northwest expects to have six full-time students and 18 part-time students.

"The need is much greater than the capacity," Dunham said, referring to the demand for nurses and the lack of programs for them. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, in 2006, nurses held 2.5 million jobs in the nation. Missouri has more than 70,000 nurses, according to the Missouri Nurses Association Web site. "There's a lot of nurses with their associates who want their bachelor's," McAdams said. "A lot of employers are more excited to hire nurses with their BSN. By offering upper division courses and teaching those and the gen eds we can provide the BSN."

EMPTY BOWLS

Dinner provides soup, bowl and hunger awareness



STUDENT BILLY CHO glazes bowls before the final firing stage. The bowls are prepared for Empty Bowls; 300 bowls were made for this event.

By Tiffiny Towne  
Missourian Reporter

The event may be called Empty Bowls but each bowl is shaped with a purpose and filled with a reminder. The bowls filled with soup will remind those who attend of empty bowls around the world. Each patron gets to pick out and keep one of more than 300 ceramic soup bowls made by ceramic students, alumni and current and retired art faculty. The dinner includes soup, pasta, bread and drinks donated by various local businesses. Empty Bowls is an international hunger awareness initiative that started in 1990 by a high school art teacher for potters to donate handmade soup bowls for fundraising dinners. The event will take place from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow at The Station. "It will be on Friday the 13th and it's making the day very lucky for the families in the community," event coordinator Erin Oehler said. "It will even be a great place to bring a valentine for only \$30 and it will be very romantic with the

Northwest String Quartet playing." Oehler hopes to sell 250 tickets in advance and 50 at the door. The tickets cost \$15 and are available from ceramics students or Department of Art office on the first floor of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building, but a limited number of tickets will be available at the door. "I hope Empty Bowls is a great success and I have asked all the board members and volunteers to participate. It's a great fundraiser and I hope it will continue for years to come," said Rod Shain, Ministry Center food pantry coordinator and board treasurer. Shain said every dollar the Center receives can be stretched to \$5 through Second Harvest, a food bank distributor in St. Joseph. The center's demand has grown because of layoffs providing to about 170 families per month. In 2008, 1,865 families consisting of 4,627 individuals were helped with 140,269 pounds of goods. The families have been from one to 10 individuals and families have not been turned down due to lack of supplies. The center has been fortunate enough to buy instead of depending on donations.

REDUCE PAWPRINTS

Campus steps up to green battle challenge

By Elizabeth Sexton  
Chief Reporter

It starts by simply signing a pledge to recycle at front desks in residence halls. The next step: following through. From Feb. 2 through March 12, students, faculty and staff will compete in the first "Reduce Your Paw Print Challenge." Student Alison Nickolaus organized the competition with the hope that students will make a bigger impact in the world by making a smaller environmental imprint on campus. As a Presidential Scholar, Nickolaus gives back to Northwest by working with Environmental

Services on sustainability. Simply put, sustainability means leaving the environment better than you found it. Nickolaus is the mastermind behind amplified awareness - including the cutout factoids and graphics on campus recycling containers. "Recycling is so easy on campus because every time you want to throw something away there is a bin with the four sections for aluminum, plastic, paper and waste," Nickolaus said. "So there is no reason not to recycle in that situation." Although the University has had to adjust to economic changes in the slowing industry of recy-

clables, she said the campus has a major advantage. "As far as plastic and glass, there was a period when we were not able to recycle - we were storing it," Nickolaus said. "But people don't realize how much of our paper we can recycle since we pellet it and burn it here." Northwest meets 80 - 85 percent of its energy needs by using wood chips, paper pellets and pellets from animal waste. The alternative fuel program is good the environment and for budgets. In 25 years, it has saved the state of Missouri approximately \$12.5 million. Recyclers on campus are fueling energy and innovation. Money

saved means funding can be used elsewhere. "Everything paper is recyclable: cardboard pizza boxes - even if there are a few slices in it, throw it in and we burn it all," Nickolaus said. Student Frankie Petty is taking the pledge to encourage others to recycle. "Once you start to recycle and get the word around, more people start to realize that maybe it is something we need to do," Petty said. "Hopefully that makes an impact." The challenge comes in tandem with the launch of an online Sustainability Guide full of energy and cost saving advice.



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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

# City approves ice fishing at Mozingo, discusses road repairs

By Kerry Larabee  
Community News Editor

Being able to ice fish and driving down yet another newly repaired road were among two issues city officials tackled Monday night.

City officials targeted South Depot Street — from First Street to South Avenue — as a second road to possibly receive repairs in 2009. Midland Surveying, Inc. will perform the topographic and boundary surveying services on the road.

Street repairs within Maryville began last spring with the passing of the Capital Improvement Plan

tax and the repair of South Main Street.

Funds from the CIP could be used for South Depot, but like West 16th Street, which was targeted earlier this year for repairs, the costs could be picked up from funds from President Obama's economic stimulus package, Maryville City Manager Matt LeCraf said.

The stimulus plan passed through the U.S. Senate Tuesday, but the amount of assistance local governments could receive for public works projects, if any, was still unclear as of press time. Regardless, LeCraf said he wanted to be ready for whatever funds might await.

"Everything that you hear associated with the allocation of federal funds is that the project needs to be shovel-ready," LeCraf said. "I don't want somebody from the federal government or the state government saying 'We have \$2 million ready for the city of Maryville if they have a shovel-ready project.' And I don't want to say 'I don't.'"

Regardless of what happens with the stimulus, the city could still move forward with two road improvement projects in 2009, whether the funds come from the federal government, the CIP fund or a combination of both, LeCraf said. Officials also tabbed Olsson

Associates for engineering services on West 16th Street Monday.

Another hot issue during Monday night's city council meeting was the repeal of the city's ordinance prohibiting ice fishing at Lake Mozingo. Officials adopted a new ordinance allowing ice fishing while simultaneously repealing the old one.

Those wishing to take advantage of the new ordinance at Mozingo will have to purchase a dual-permit through the city. The permit will combine an ice-fishing permit with a hunting permit and cost \$25. The permit will ask people to sign a waiver at the time of purchase absolving the city of

the risks that go with ice fishing, LeCraf said.

The waiver was a big part of repealing the ordinance and getting the OK from the city's insurance provider, Missouri Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (MIRMA), LeCraf said.

"It indemnifies the city and holds us harmless on any injuries or safety concerns that may exist when somebody goes out and hunts or goes out onto the lake," LeCraf said.

No one on the council was against ice fishing on the lake, Maryville Mayor Chad Jackson said, they just wanted to ensure

the city was protected against any liability issues that might arise.

"I just have to protect the financial liability of the city," Jackson said. "I want to allow it free of charge and with no permits as well, but that's not what our risk management allows us to do. We have to do what we're elected to do."

LeCraf, who took part in the Missouri Department of Conservation's ice-fishing clinic at Mozingo on Jan. 31 — the event that brought the issue to the council's attention — said the ordinance was effective immediately. Ice fishing will be permitted at Mozingo from Oct. 15 to April 15 every year.

## CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL



photo by kerrylarabee | community news editor

CONNIE FULLER DIPS a chocolate covered cherry into melted white chocolate for a second coating Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church while Savannah Frye and Brandi Barnold help out. The three were on hand to help with the preparations for this Saturday's First Presbyterian Ladies' Fourth Annual Chocolate Festival. The event, to be held at the church from noon to 3 p.m. on Valentine's Day, will allow guests to sample and purchase various hand dipped chocolate covered cherries, chocolate candies and other sweet treats. The number of chocolate covered cherries prepared will double from last year, event chair Nancy Lee-Poole said.

## ECONOMICS

# Local recycling feels slump

By Elizabeth Sexton  
Chief Reporter

The circle of recycling is breaking down in Maryville, as local providers are left out of the industry loop.

Economic crisis has struck the household routine of recycling. The trade of sorting, processing and selling used materials must adapt to constraints or cease to exist.

Market lows have given Williams Services a new environmental mantra — "Reduce, Reuse and Storage."

Recycling was a free service until last December, when revenue from used material sales failed to meet operational expenses.

Local transportation issues add an extra blow to the newly sagging industry. Pick-up companies are unable to justify the costs of driving to Maryville.

"It's a huge chain reaction," said Office Manager Keysa Cummings.

To offset expenses, non-customers pay a drop-off fee based on bag size — starting at 50 cents.

"If we run out of storage space, you run into another expense of having to rent storage," Allen said. "Then you're really shooting your foot off."

Americans have ramped-up recycling habits. According to The American Forest and Paper Association, 360 pounds of paper per person was recycled in 2007.

Until recently, the greening of America was great news — especially to China, who lacks lumber resources.

"Everyone is about going green," said Cummings, who is flooded with daily callers wanting to recycle.

However, recovered materials flooded markets as remnants like processed soda cans and pizza boxes quickly made it to China and back, repackaged as goods and more packaging.

With the drop in consumer spending, demands for recyclable

materials tanked. Americans are buying less, so China needs less. Commodity pricing has tumbled 50 to 70 percent.

Reduced consumption is an environmental win, as less recycling is needed. Conversely, these ethics depend on the economics of higher consumption.

"I'm all for recycling but I'm not for losing money to do it," Allen said.

It's cheaper to toss and build with new materials than it is to recycle, said Maryville Public Works Director Greg Decker.

In 2000, Maryville's recycling operations closed after the town voted against a \$2 to \$4 monthly charge for funding.

Allen believes mandates on product components could increase material demand; however, the offset cost would be seen in retail prices.

"It is really sad that it won't pay enough — because it's a good move for the environment," Allen said.

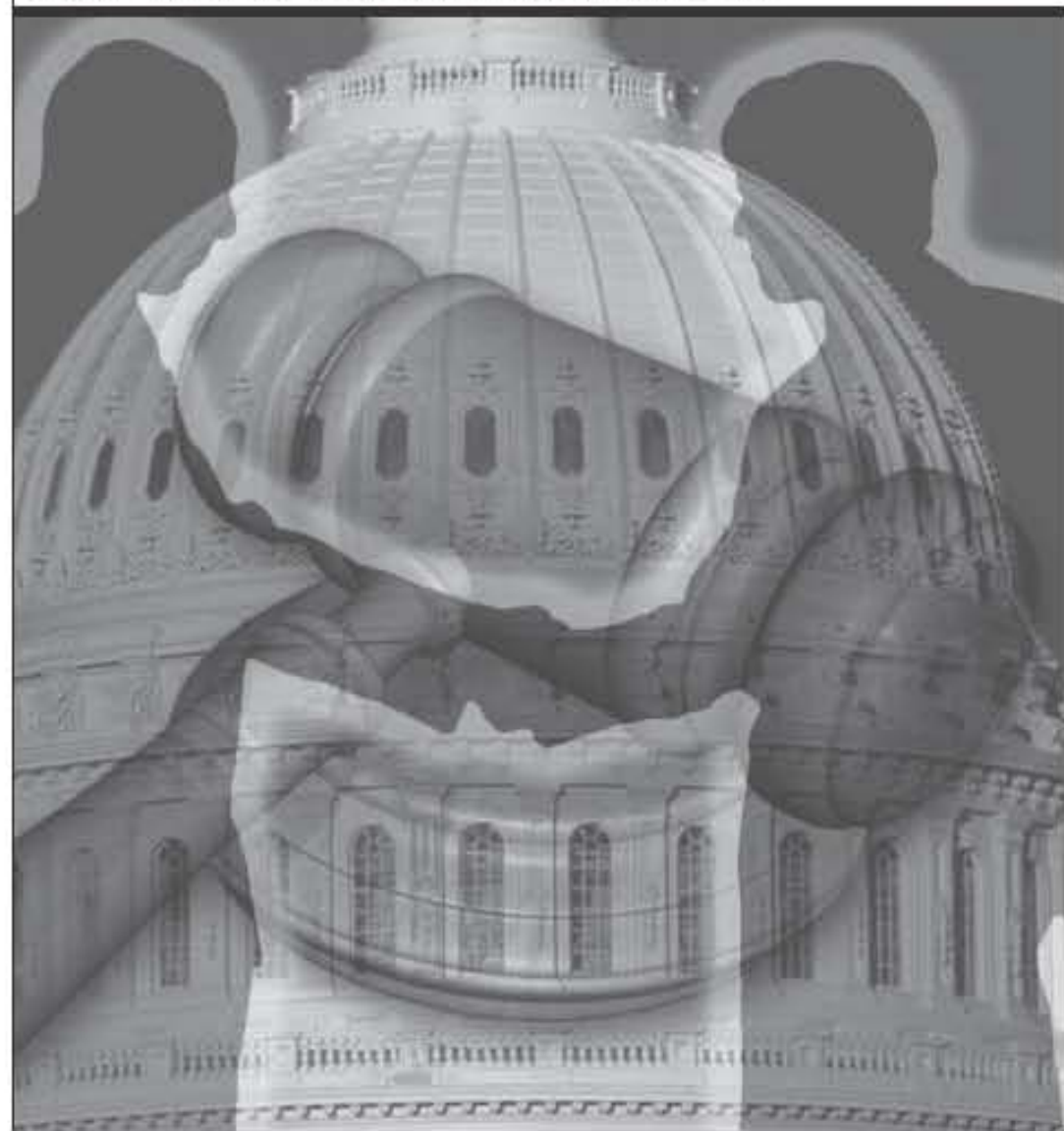
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- Who was the official naturalist on board the HMS beagle?
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## 2. Thursday, March 12 | 7:00 PM

### Charles Johnson Theatre

Lecture by Dr. Jeffrey Kieft, University of Colorado School of Medicine, "The Importance of Evolutionary Theory in Modern-Day Biology."

## 3. Wednesday, April 1 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

### Charles Johnson Theatre

"Judgment Day: Intelligent Design on Trial." This two hour NOVA film explores the turmoil that took place in Dover, Pennsylvania. It will address questions such as, "What is evolution?" and "Is intelligent design a scientifically valid alternative?"

## 4. Thursday, April 9 | 5:30 PM | Charles Johnson Theatre

Panel Presentation, "Darwinian Evolution: Abuses and Misunderstandings."

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OUR VIEW

County should set standard for meth lab seizures

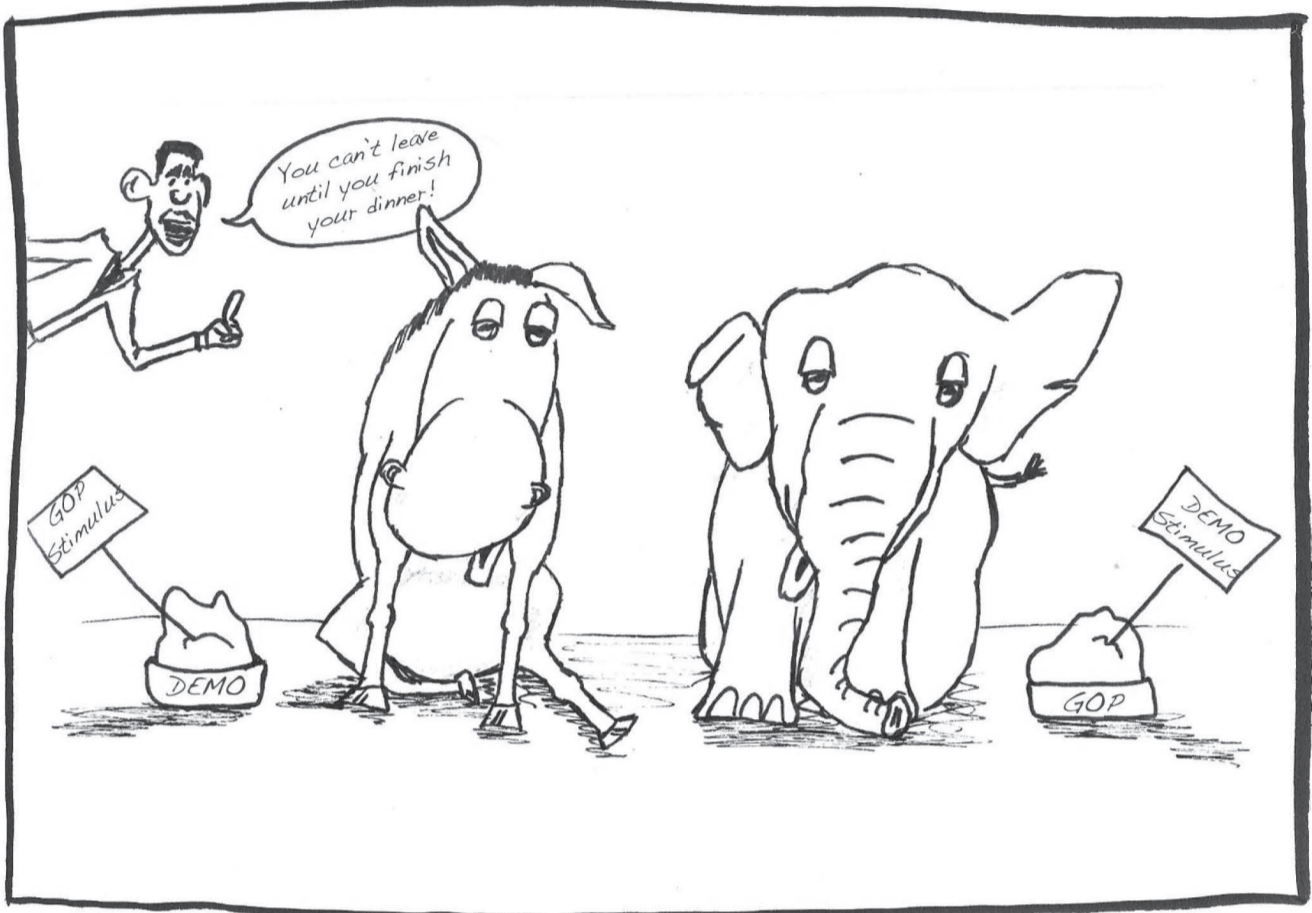
Of all the things to be known for as a state, a high drug bust count probably isn't one of them. Nevertheless, it's an "honor" Missouri has begrudgingly accepted for the eighth year in a row. Recently released data from the National Seizure System ranks Missouri first in the entire nation for methamphetamine laboratory seizures in 2008, a title we've held since 2001. Yet the 2008 data, as with that of some years past, is two-

fold, locally speaking. None of the 1,487 Missouri meth lab busts in 2008 came from Nodaway County. Only one incident was reported a year for 2006 and 2007. This, of course, doesn't mean Nodaway law enforcement should just sit back and wait for other counties to catch up. Notice that the data accounts only for meth labs seized. And despite a clean (at least, on paper) year for the county in 2008, new county sheriff Darren White, along with other police depart-

ments, have already cracked down on one suspected meth producer this year. Local officials admit a meth problem can spread like wildfire in an area, given the opportunity, because obtaining the ingredients to make the drug is as simple as a trip or two to the grocery or hardware store. But somebody must be doing something right; perhaps it's the bill that passed in 2005 that calls upon retailers to monitor and limit the sale of drugs that comprise

meth. Local drug retailers Hy-Vee and Wal-Mart told the Northwest Missourian they limit the sale of key meth component pseudoephedrine to 3.6 grams a day or 9 grams a month. They also say they're prepared to let law enforcement know if they notice a large purchase of the medicine. Or maybe it's the tips area citizens, frustrated with drug problems in their communities, provide to law enforcement that help root out those guilty of making this physi-

cally and mentally destructive drug. Either way, the Northwest Missourian hopes Sheriff White will continue to follow up on the promise he made during his hard-fought campaign to stamp out illegal drugs in Nodaway County. There is no reason why our county shouldn't be part of the solution, even while other counties across Missouri continue to face a constant onslaught of the problem. Now is not the time to let our guard down.



MY VIEW

'Buy American' philosophy threatens important global role

There are two different forces pulling in opposite directions due to the current economic crisis. One force is pulling toward more nationalist protection in the form of unilateral policies. The opposite is a renewal of multilateralism. America's instinct in times of crisis tends to turn focus internally. The willingness of this country to sacrifice free trade on the altar of domestic recovery has become a repeating story since the Great Depression. During that time, cooperation among nations began to erode as pressure from the economic downturn drove countries more inward. There is clearly much greater worldwide cooperation in economic affairs than before, but countries, including the United States, are gravitating toward protectionism. As America began to suffer and shift its priorities towards domestic issues, opponents of a unilateral concept began to deem this policy as "isolationism."

Proponents of a unilateral policy point out that the predominantly one-sided control

of post-WW II Japan by the United States was more of a success than that of a multilateral (cooperative) policy like that used in post-war Germany. Japan only took five years before adopting a constitution, whereas Germany was divided into East and West for 45 years. Debates about unilateralism have come to the forefront with the Iraq war. While more than 20 countries have supported the United States' policy, some previous allies, such as Germany and France, are not participating in the approval. Advocates of a multilateral approach claim that the ultimate goals of the country are best served by strengthening relations in the 21st century; not only does cooperation strengthen bonds between nations and peoples, but defenders also insist that a cooperative policy among nations helps to depict the U.S. in a more respected light. In 2008, Barack Obama emphasized that the security

and well-being of each and every American depended upon the security and well-being of those who live beyond our borders. Promoters of cooperation among nations say that it would provide the country with greater resources, both militarily and economically. But with divided responsibility comes divided authority. This could lead to slower military reaction times and perhaps even bitter conflict when one nation must become the subordinate in order to achieve the allied goal. By taking this approach, damages could reverberate for decades. President Thomas Jefferson warned this nation, in his inaugural address to deaf ears, that it must avoid entangling alliances. Since that time, the U.S. has partaken in many international agreements and treaties, specifically the World Trade Organization (WTO), the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and the United

Nations (UN). If this nation were to shut its doors to foreign imports in hopes of boosting the economy and encouraging people to "buy American," this could cause a big problem. These agreements that we've signed allow other countries to retaliate by discriminating against American goods, or charge higher tariffs on American imports. Essentially, this would be the equivalent of shooting ourselves in the foot. We must reconcile the commitments we've made to these countries with concerns about our own workers. The average American family does not need to be sacrificed. Put simply, the United States has a duty to keep promises about open trade and to work with other countries in opening the doors of opportunity. A country cannot rule out unilateral action in cases that involve vital survival interests. Even when survival is not at stake, unilateral tactics sometimes help lead nations to compromises that advance multilateral interests.



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MY VIEW

Policy shift fuels game of 'political football'

The term "political football" is thrown around when speaking of the Mexico City Policy. President Barack Obama reversed the ban on funding abortions in other countries in an endeavor to bring unity to the U.S. Unity on this topic, however, is divided by an asymptotic line. Unity can never be reached if this pattern between parties and the Mexico City Policy continues. The Mexico City Policy was enacted by Reagan in 1984 and prohibits U.S. funds from supporting abortion or abortion counseling to other countries. This policy is being tossed between parties as a "political football." With every switching party in the White House, the policy also switches. Obama continues the tradition. Contradictory to his predecessor, Obama reversed the Mexico City Policy a day after the Roe v. Wade anniversary. Typically the law is changed on the anniversary. Maybe that is his way of sealing the deal. From a taxpayer's standpoint, there may not be justice concerning Obama's decision to reverse the Mexico City Policy. With the reversal of the policy brings a question: "Will my taxes go toward abortion in other nations even if I believe it's wrong?" There is no clear answer to this question at the moment, but it doesn't look great for Anti-abortionists. Obama reversed the policy end the "stale and fruitless debate", but his actions do the opposite. The president cannot please everyone. Whether or not the policy is reversed, someone will be unhappy. Anti-abortionists will be upset that the policy is banned. Abortion supporters will be upset if the policy is in effect. The end of this political sport is not in sight. If the pattern continues, the next republican president will once again, ban the Mexico City Policy. If the U.S. could agree to disagree, common ground might be reached. Obama claims he is searching for a common ground between abortion supporters and anti-abortionists, but giving funding for other countries to have abortions and abortion counseling is a political smack in the face to anti-abortionists. Some are concerned that Obama is going back on his word to lower the number of abortions by reversing the policy. No matter what, this controversial debate will until either the game ends or an agreement between the two sides is made.

CAMPUS TALK

Who should benefit most from the stimulus package?



"I really don't know."

Pamela Robison  
IDM



"The poor people who need it the most."

Lex Phillips  
Environmental Geology



"Middle working class"

Michelle Griffey  
Elementary Education



"I'd have to say the consumer."

Cody Duncan  
Computer Science



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# BARBERS: Shop serves customers from across region

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to Maryville, became acquainted with Bryan through one of the latter's friends and started working at the shop a year and a half ago.

"It's made us a good living, even when long hair was in style," Fred said of barbering.

And despite having to take on "moonlighting" jobs, like bartending, to make ends meet when that hairstyle was trendy in the early '70s, Fred was "bound and determined to stay in the barbershop business. I was serious about what I was doing."

Bryan's reason for becoming a barber is decidedly less complex, but equally concrete: his own hair.

"I didn't know what I wanted to do and I didn't want to waste four years deciding," he said. "I guess I've been picky about my own hair — people gave me crap about it. I just didn't think I'd be doing it this long."

Originally from Fremont, Neb., Bryan began his barbering career there when he was 19. Two years later, he opened his own shop in Crete, Neb. However, he and his wife had to move around the Midwest a lot because of her job, and each new state required a new barber's license.

The two got a divorce, and Bryan moved to Maryville. He began working at Downing's with then-owner, Gail Downing. When Gail decided to retire more than a decade ago (he recently died of a heart attack), Bryan bought the shop.

Throughout his 30-year career, Bryan says he's always made the quality of his ser-

vice, not the price of it, his top priority.

"I was charging \$14 for a haircut 13 years ago and \$10 10 years ago. For me, it's been hard to keep it down," he said. "You've got to charge based on how good you are. I don't want people to come because of how cheap I am; I want them to come because I do a really good job."

Both Fred and Bryan stay on top, if not somewhat ahead, of the barbering game; Bryan says he gave a customer a bowl haircut in the '80s before the style became popular in the Midwest.

They'll honor any request if described well enough. Case in point: Fred once clipped and trimmed the face of a Ninja Turtle into one young boy's head; Bryan, a Nike swoosh into another's.

As for the customers themselves, the men have experienced quite the spectrum. Some walk-ins wind up coming back and developing good friendships with the barbers. Others aren't so gracious. But at the end of the day, it's all just one big lesson on people.

"You have to take the good with the bad," Bryan said. "Both of us have told people not to come back. Ninety percent of customers are just fine, but there's that small percentage that really makes you bite your tongue."

On the other hand: "From the first haircut, I've gained a wealth of information on how to enjoy people, which is what you have to do in order to be in this business," Fred said. "From the little ones to the old ones to the middle-aged ones, enjoy all of them — and all the personalities you see."

# METH: Officials seek tips from residents

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Trimble is now in the custody of the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department on a \$50,000 bond for the class B felony.

Methamphetamine is a white, bitter-tasting powder that can be smoked, snorted, injected or taken orally. It is a highly addictive drug that affects the central nervous system by releasing high levels of the brain chemical dopamine, creating a euphoric "high" that can last for as long as 12 hours, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

Mike Thompson has been involved with addiction treatment for 23 years for employers such as the Maryville Treatment Center and the Family Guidance Center. In working to rehabilitate meth addicts, Thompson said the level of addiction that comes from meth-use is significant.

"On a scale of one to 10, it's probably a 12. I'm not exaggerating. It has a huge physical addiction to it," Thompson said. "In the mid-'80s, the drug that was the hardest to treat was crack/cocaine. Methamphetamine is 10 times worse."

Part of the prevalence of meth stems from the fact that it's cheap and easy to make, Thompson said. The ingredients for meth are available at local hardware and grocery stores.

But homemade meth-making may be down, Thompson said, because of laws — including a 2005 bill signed by Governor Matt Blunt that requires retailers to monitor and limit the sale of drugs used in making meth — that make it harder for producers to get the necessary ingredients. Now, the drug is coming more and more from Mexico, Thompson said.

"It's still coming to our community, there's still lots of meth here, you're just not going to see so many meth busts because now they have to catch the guy selling the actual drug," Thompson said. "There's no trail."

A check with Maryville retailers Wal-Mart and Hy-Vee confirmed that the stores limit the sale of pseudoephedrine — a key ingredient of meth — to 3.6 grams a day or 9 grams a month.

Maryville Public Safety Director Keith Wood said his department has provided local mer-

chants with training in the past, and those merchants will call his department when a large or suspicious sale of pseudoephedrine takes place.

Like Thompson, Wood said he has heard of methamphetamine coming in from outside the county.

"Meth production on a nationwide level has probably been down, not because use has gone away, but because there has been a stream of Mexican meth," Wood said. "They could make it down there, ship it up here and distribute it, and it was cheaper on the street than people trying to make it."

He did say those numbers could be cyclical however, and that local meth production could be on the rise again.

Both Wood and White said cracking down on the drug could come with help from those in the community. Both law enforcement agencies look into anonymous tips from citizens. Tips carry more credibility when accompanied by a name, and names are always withheld from the public. But both concede they understand why citizens would like to with-

hold their identities when dealing with drug-related crimes.

Still, White said, getting help from the community is the key to fighting crime.

"We are only able to solve crime because the people choose to get involved. And when people get involved, that's when you get the information," White said. "I think the people lost so much trust that they weren't giving information. Now, they look at what's going on and they're willing to come forward, they're willing to give that information and they're willing to put their name on it and say 'Yes, I saw this.' or 'I know about this.'"

A neighbor with traffic coming and going, especially for short periods of time, is a form of suspicious activity that people should look out for, Wood said.

So while it may be difficult to substantiate the level of meth use in the county, Thompson said that he felt there's been some headway.

"They've actually been able to control, not eradicate, but control the private meth labs," Thompson said. "We're winning, but we've got a long way to go."

# KIDS: Students learn new words at stations

Continued from A1

They too draw and color pictures to take home.

This workshop is important because it allows children to come and learn about kids who use sign language like autistic kids.

"There are kids who are autistic and don't speak but are able to sign. There are also children in the community who have friends or family who sign, so parents want their kids to learn sign too," said Brandy Taylor, President of American Sign Language Club.

At the family station, kids Allee, Hunter Johnson six-year-old, and Finn Rohs a five-year-old, learn the signs for titles like

mom, dad, brother and sister. They all twist and turn their fingers in different ways with the help of college students like Stacey Gabriel and Melissa Gigot who are at each station and are currently enrolled in an American Sign Language course.

All around the room the children are chatting with each other and college student as they all learn various signs. Children spend 10 minutes at each station.

At the "feelings" station, the kids learn the sign for emotions like happy and sad. But this time, the kids not only use hand gestures, but also display facial expressions to go along their emotions. They smile and rotate

their hands and arms in circular motion to express the feeling of happy. For sad, they frown and wipe away fake tears.

Other stations included signs for animals, food, and music. At the musical station six-year-old Lauren Padgett, five-year-old and Noel Hardin along with other girls learn to sign for the song "My Girl." As the tune plays softly in the background the girls began to sing along with the help of the college students as they all sign the words to the song together.

Marcy Roush is the American Sign Language professor and is in charge of the Children's Workshop. She has taught sign language for the last six years here at Northwest. Roush was

introduced to sign language through a deaf neighbor and later through a daycare facility. She is also the sponsor for the American Sign Language Club, which began planning for the workshop in November.

Taylor, is also in the process of helping plan for the American Sign Language Showcase which theme is a musical this year. She was inspired by her deaf high school softball coach to learn sign language.

"I like learning and knowing that I might be able to better help someone else communicate," said Taylor.

The ASL club meets every second and fourth Monday of each month in Wells Hall room 141.

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Above: MONDAY NIGHT AT Maryville Public Library, Lincoln impersonator Lee Williams gives his presentation to local kids and parents. The presentation was in celebration of Lincoln's 200th birthday. Left: LINCOLN IMPERSONATOR LEE Williams yells, "all aboard", as he tells of his journey on the train from Springfield, Ill. to Washington D.C. during his presentation Monday night at the Maryville Public Library. Williams has been doing his Lincoln presentation for 20 years.

## Lincoln impersonator entertains at party

Abraham Lincoln turns 200 today. That's definitely worth celebrating. Monday night, 62 Maryville children helped Lee Williams, an Abraham Lincoln impersonator, celebrate the late president's birthday. After Williams spoke, the children sang "Happy Birthday," enjoyed birthday cake and shared their homemade birthday cards. "He is considered by most people to be the greatest president," Maryville Public Library Director Stephanie Patterson said. "He's such a visually striking character and kids would never forget this. It's the closest any of us will ever get to meeting Lincoln."

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COMMON GROUND FOCUSES on equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and straight individuals, by creating a comfortable environment for their members and raising awareness on campus and in the community.

# Together as one

## Organization finds comfort in togetherness, equality

By Sydney Moore  
Features Editor

Equality, comfort and awareness are the key goals for one Northwest student organization.

Common Ground, the gay-straight alliance on campus, includes an equal split of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and straight members who aim to educate new members, and want to do so in an a comfortable environment.

"We want the group to be more like a family rather than a group," co-president Jamie Lenz said. "We want to make people feel comfortable."

One project Lenz, along with co-president Whitani Beck, is trying to get started to help students feel more comfortable is the development of "safe zones."

"I want to e-mail professors and ask them if they would be comfortable putting a 'safe zone' sticker on their door,"

Lenz said. "It says something along the lines of 'whether you're gay, straight, purple, pink, black, white, you're safe here.'"

"When you walk up and see that on a door it's kind of like a sigh of relief because you know you won't be judged on what you are, but based on your intelligence and who you are."

The creation of safe zones is just one of the projects the new co-presidents are trying to get off the ground. In March, Common Ground will be putting on a seminar at Missouri Academy to teach students about equality.

"It's either going to be a Q and A type format, where they can ask us questions, or it will be using a doll," Lenz said. "On the doll, everyone will write what is important to them and as we read through a story, they will have to rip off the arms, legs, head."

The meaning behind the demonstra-

tion is to show the students they are not alone in difficult situations.

"It's a visual thing, because you are seeing important things to you go away," Lenz added. "It shows what it's like to come out."

Getting more events planned for Common Ground is something Lenz and Beck pride themselves on.

The two took on the presidential responsibilities after the previous president left in December. The role has brought a lot of work to the table for the co-presidents, but they believe the outcome will be worth it in the end.

"It's been a lot of work," Beck said. "We've totally revamped Common Ground as a whole."

Part of the organization's revamping process has been the addition of more activities and togetherness.

"We have tons and tons of ideas we want to do," Lenz said. "They're just

subtle things that are around, but it's the subtle things that can make a big impact in someone's life."

Although the numbers were high at the beginning of the semester, attendance began to slowly decline. The lack of activities and organization is what Lenz says is the reason for the drop in membership.

"At the first meeting we had 53 members and we were ecstatic about that," Lenz said. "That's fantastic for a small town like this, but people slowly started sloughing off because we would plan activities and not do them."

With more activities in the works, including a drag show in April, Lenz and Beck are aiming to bring their current 25-30-member attendance back up by the end of the semester.

If you're interested in joining Common Ground, contact Lenz and Beck at [cground@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:cground@nwmissouri.edu) for more information.

# Top 4 picks

By Brian Johnson  
Entertainment Reporter

**Coming to Theaters:** “Friday the 13th” will ironically be released Friday, Feb. 13. This re-imagining of the classic horror series is sure to please any horror movie fan. The film follows a group of young adults who discover an abandoned camp at Crystal Lake where the fabled Jason Voorhees is looking over his territory by any means necessary. The cast is relatively unknown actors with the most known being Aaron Yoo (“Nick and Norah’s Infinite Playlist”) and stuntman Derek Mears as the psychotic Jason.

**Album To Pick Up:** The Jeff Buckley Grace/Mystery White Boy box set was released this week. This incredible singer with an eight-octave singing voice was the one that captured our hearts with his rendition of Leonard Cohen’s “Hallelujah.” This box set includes live and studio renditions of his best songs including “Last Goodbye,” “Lilac Wine” and “Lover You Should’ve Come Over.”

**New DVD in stores:** “Nights in Rodanthe” was released on DVD Tuesday. With Valentine’s Day Saturday, this movie will be a perfect choice for all couples looking for a night at home. The adaptation of the Nicholas Sparks’ novel starring Richard Gere and Diane Lane did very well at the box office during its theatrical run, but the DVD rentals will do even better. The director of the film was George C. Wolfe who directed many plays and 2005’s “Lackawanna Blues.”

**Guilty Pleasure of the Week:** “Just Dance” by Lady GaGa. This infectious dance-pop hit has crossed over into the mainstream and with good reason. The lyrics are fun and it has a beat that will guarantee playing at any nightclub. The song was released in April 2008 and it has slowly gained radio play through word of mouth. This hit single has also set the record for most downloads in a single week by a female artist on iTunes.

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# Your Man worries about our legacy

Does anyone else worry that nothing will be left behind for future generations to remember us by?

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This is dangerous for our future because it is crucial to learn from mistakes, and we are currently making many.

As of now, our generation will be known for war, steroid scandals and ridiculous corruption in business and government. War is nothing new but the reasoning isn't often questioned to the extent the one we are in now is.

Many sports figures we



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looked up to used drugs to enhance performance and paychecks. Politicians use people for their own personal gain and ethics in business has reached a new level of evil. Captains should go down with their ships instead of getting fat severance checks.

I'm sorry, but this is not how I would like the first decade of the new millennium to go into the textbooks.

The question to be asked is whether or not we can find the cause. New technology always changes society. The rise of television and corporate America happens, and around the same time people openly lost traditional morals and values. The key word there is “openly”; the “Leave it to Beaver” days were over.

That's not a coincidence, mind you, but it is a discussion to save for another time.

Everyone should ask themselves not only how they want to be remembered, but how they will achieve it. It sounds so simple, but probably easier said than done.

It's something to think about. Most of our information is going online, and when networks crash things are lost. It's dangerous, mark my words.

I'm sure books will be saved, but what great literature has been written in our adult life? There have been entertaining books, but nothing profound to speak of.

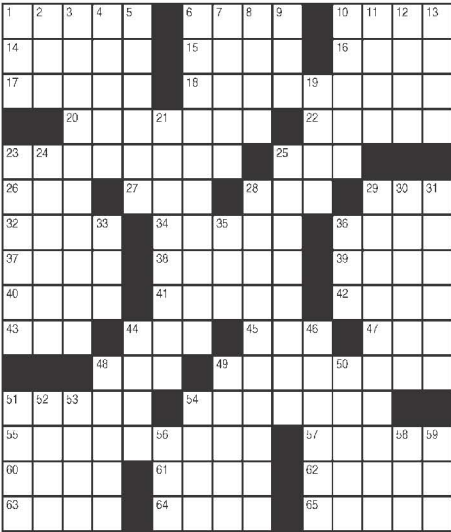
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# Saliva’s ‘Cinco Diablo’ combines simple guitar licks and elegant choruses for mediocre album

By Marshall Carlson  
Entertainment Reporter

Reaching the musical spotlight in today’s scene is one tough feat. That’s one thing Memphis-based Saliva knows all too well. After having a couple tastes with “Click Click Boom” from 2001 and “Ladies and Gentlemen” from “Blood Stained Love Story” in 2007, the band has been thirsty for

more.

Predictable chord changes and second-halves to lyrical thoughts flood Saliva’s latest effort, “Cinco Diablo.” It’s full of simple guitar licks and simple rhymes like in “Forever and a Day.”

At times, pieces of the album can have a sort of Avenged Sevenfold feel. A majority of the tunes have flowy, elegant choruses compared to their beefy,

face-pounding verse counterparts. However, the variation doesn’t quite capture very powerful emotions. Perhaps the biggest misfit on the album is “Southern Girls.” With a certain southern twang, it’s your typical tribute to girls below the Mason-Dixon. Lyrics and all, “Southern Girls” is pretty obvious.

This album is no flop, however, just another mediocre release. Nothing on “Cinco

Diablo” really stands out or hits home, but on the flipside, no track really leaves behind a bad aftertaste. The opening track, “Family Reunion,” bears a certain resemblance to “Ladies and Gentlemen,” Saliva’s mega hit from early 2007. Though the album varies little, it ranges from the slightly more tranquil “How Could You?” and “Forever and a Day” to the blood-curdling “Hunt You Down.”

Of the 10 tracks on “Cinco Diablo,” perhaps the three with the most potential are “Hunt You Down,” “Judgment Day,” and the rap-influenced “I’m Coming Back.”

All things considered, Saliva may reach the limelight someday. All they need to do is focus on coming up with great instrumental ideas, and then support them with profound, deep lyrics.

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Steroid problem reaches high schoolers, but here is the solution

Major League Baseball has had a cloud over the entire organization for nearly the last decade.

The rain cloud is fueled by the monsters of men who are hitting homeruns and breaking records that had been in the book for more than three decades.

I don't want to say that steroid use is taking away from the game or making it unfair for the other "non-users" in the league. In the last week, the world learned that it wasn't just A-Rod who got caught, but 104 other



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athletes who also tested positive in 2003. I've learned in the last week that it's not just the All-Stars taking steroids, but it's nearly everyone.

I feel bad for Bud Selig to have this burden placed on him. Selig is expected to solve this problem when there really isn't a way to solve it ... unless you're me of course; I have the perfect plan.

Here's my idea to solve the problem. Steroid use will never go away; the medical field will always be advancing and players will always be able to find something that could give them an edge over the competition. So here we go: every year

at spring training each player gets a chance to sign up for his MLB issued steroid package. This way every player gets a chance to have his own edge on the competition.

Also, Congress needs to get out of professional baseball's hair. Instead of good ole Bud Selig could create his own "MLB Congress" comprised of former baseball players, owners, managers and even a few politicians. This congress would regulate the allowed steroid use of the players and even the coaches if they want to get bulked up a bit to throw batting practice or hit ground balls.

All of my ideas are of course hypothetical; they will never happen and I honestly don't want a word of what I said to ever happen to a game

that I love so much.

A lot of people my age grew up idolizing athletes like Roger Clemens, Barry Bonds and Mark McGuire. Personally, I grew up as a Mariners fan idolizing Ken Griffey Jr. and A-Rod.

Steroid use has already been too romantically portrayed to children. In high school I remember teammates on my teams contemplating steroid use and the sad thing was that no one questioned the ethics; it was just a matter of finding the steroids.

This is a problem for the MLB that I don't see a real fix for. Steroid use will never stop in baseball and it will always be a top story on ESPN for at least the rest of my life. I feel bad for Bud Selig being in this situation with no answer.

MIAA STATISTICS

MEN'S SCORING MARGIN

## Team	G	OFF	DEF	Margin
1. Central Missouri	21	80.1	63.3	+16.8
2. Southwest Baptist	21	90.2	74.2	+16.0
3. Nebraska-Omaha	21	82.7	75.1	+7.6
4. Fort Hays State	21	71.9	64.4	+7.5
5. Emporia State	22	77.7	71.0	+6.7
6. Washburn	22	78.4	73.0	+5.4
7. Missouri Southern	24	75.7	70.7	+5.0
8. Northwest	22	70.4	67.7	+2.7
9. Missouri Western	22	75.3	74.4	+1.0
10. Pitt State	22	74.3	74.1	+0.2
11. Truman	22	62.1	69.4	-7.2

WOMEN'S SCORING MARGIN

## Team	G	OFF	DEF	Margin
1. Emporia State	21	87.9	63.3	+24.6
2. Washburn	21	70.3	57.0	+13.3
3. Pitt State	21	77.7	66.5	+11.2
4. Missouri Southern	20	69.7	61.2	+8.5
5. Fort Hays State	20	68.4	63.6	+4.8
6. Central Missouri	21	71.9	67.6	+4.3
7. Nebraska-Omaha	19	71.4	67.9	+3.5
8. Southwest Baptist	20	73.5	77.1	-3.6
9. Northwest	21	67.7	72.5	-4.8
10. Truman	21	59.7	67.3	-7.7
11. Missouri Western	20	64.2	74.2	-10.0

MEN'S SCORING LEADERS

## Player-Team	Cl	Games	Pts Avg/G
1. Rogers, Matthew-SBU	JR	21	19.3
2. Jenkins, Michael-UNO	SR	21	17.5
3. Taylor, Carlos-PSU	SR	22	17.4
4. Eggins, DeAndre-WU	SR	20	17.1
5. Henry, Hunter-NWMSU	SR	22	17.0
6. Albers, Mitch-UNO	SO	21	16.8
7. Wilbern, Lamar-ESU	JR	22	15.9
8. Thuston, Dominique-MWSU	SO	21	15.3
9. Harris, D'Ante-SBU	SR	21	15.2
10. Young, Joe-UCM	SR	21	15.0

WOMEN'S SCORING LEADERS

## Player-Team	Cl	G	Pts Avg/G
1. Bright, Janice-WU	SR	21	18.4
2. McCombs, Nicole-PSU	JR	21	16.6
3. Creed, Courtney-SBU	SR	20	16.4
4. Mueller, Georgia-TSU	SR	20	16.1
5. Bancroft, Naomi-FHSU	JR	20	15.6
6. Boston, Cassandra-ESU	JR	21	15.4
7. Brue, Meghan-NWMSU	SR	21	15.4
8. Biel, Erica-FHSU	JR	20	14.9
9. Leiker, Andrea-ESU	SR	18	14.1
10. Edwards, Ida-ESU	SR	21	13.7

SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Woody's picks

Prediction record (7-9)  
NCAA Lock

Princeton at Yale — Princeton Yale got lucky last week and scored a season-high 87 points against and average Harvard team, have no offense in general. Princeton is undefeated on Ivy League play this season, and it will stay that way, at least until they play Cornell.

NCAA Upset

Louisville at Notre Dame — ND This is a horrible pick. Notre Dame can't win a game for the life of Touchdown Jesus right now. I don't have many options though and hopefully the fact that the game is in South Bend will finally give the Irish their first win in over a month.

NCAA Lock

Penn at Yale — Yale After taking a beating by Princeton on Friday, the Bulldogs should rebound on our nation's day of love by beating Penn, and then enjoying a few games of Dungeons and Dragons.

NCAA Upset

Kansas at Kansas State — K-State I predicted Kansas would lose once last week. It just wasn't the game I picked. It'll happen this week.

Brian "The Bulldog's" picks

Prediction record (5-11)  
NCAA Lock

Michigan State at Purdue — MSU So I understand being a Nebraska fan at a Missouri school means you're going to get some crap. But what I'm tired of is all these bandwagon fans. For instance, Dustin and Jason give me crap for being a Nebraska fan and now all of a sudden, they are sneaking in before me and choosing my 'Skers. So this pick is really Nebraska over Mizzou but since Jason became a Big Red fan over night, I'll take the Spartans.

NCAA Upset

FSU at Wake Forest — FSU The Seminoles are the only team who came through for me last week. My friends used to think I was crazy when I told them FSU was a team to watch out for. Looks like I've been a genius this whole time.

NCAA Lock

Harvard at Cornell — Cornell I don't know, but Cornell will win.

NCAA Upset

Villanova at West Virginia — WV There are no good games this week besides the Big Red upset on Valentines Day.

Jason's picks

Prediction record (8-8)  
NCAA Lock

UCLA at Arizona State — UCLA I don't think Arizona State is worthy of being in the top 20, especially after losing to both Washington and Washington State before beating Oregon and Oregon State. UCLA is just a flat-out better team.

NCAA Upset

Nebraska at Mizzou — Huskers Let's face it, I'm bitter. KU shouldn't have lost to Mizzou and Nebraska has already beaten the Tigers once. Plus they beat Texas, they have upset experience. This could just be my revenge.

NCAA Lock

Georgetown at Syracuse — 'Cuse Georgetown has really fallen. They're no longer contenders for the Big East title and Syracuse is fighting for a tourney bid, which is something else the Hoyas have basically lost. This game means more to the Orange.

NCAA Upset

Pittsburgh at UConn — Pitt Do you see a pattern here? I want Dustin to lose, plus I need to gain some ground. No. 1 is a bad place to be this season and Pitt will show UConn why.

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